



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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Art Unit: 1638

Appl. No. 10/612,783

Examiner: Phuong T. Bui

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For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants and Uses  
Thereof for Plant Improvement

**Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended one month from June 12, 2008 to July 14, 2008 (July 12, 2008 being a Saturday) by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

Authorization to charge the official fees for this filing is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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